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**Lutherville-Timonium Pharmacist Ellen Yankellow Honored for Outstanding Community Service**

**WASHINGTON, DC** – The Maryland Pharmacist Association (MPhA) has selected Ellen H. Yankellow, PharmD, as the recipient of the 2016 Bowl of Hygeia Award for outstanding community service. Yankellow was presented with the award at the MPhA 134<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention on June 12. The Bowl of Hygeia is sponsored by the American Pharmacists Association Foundation, the National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations and the American Pharmacists Association with support from Boehringer Ingelheim.

Yankellow is a national leader in the advancement of clinical pharmacy for institutions and is committed to providing the highest quality services to patients in over 300 institutions, residential treatment programs, and senior care facilities throughout the country. Her extraordinary business success is also equally matched by her commitment to and passion for community activism and philanthropy. She is very involved in multiple community, civic, and private organizations and gives generously of her time, talents, and treasure.

Yankellow supports a wide variety of organizations. Just a few examples:

- She annually provides a corporate internship program for two students at Cristo Rey Jesuit High School in Baltimore City.
- She sponsors a student during middle school years at Sisters Academy of Baltimore.
- Each year, she sponsors students from the Baltimore City Office of Employment Development YouthWorks Summer Employment Program.
- Yankellow supports the Women's Education Alliance Scholarship Preservation Program. She sponsors a five-year scholarship for a child who attends a Catholic community school serving economically disadvantaged families in Baltimore City.
- This year, she provided a matching grant to fund a school nurse for two Catholic community schools serving economically disadvantaged families in Baltimore City.
- Yankellow sponsors a little league youth team in Parma, Idaho, and provides uniforms and equipment for them that they would otherwise have to do without.

Established in 1958, the Bowl of Hygeia Award recognizes pharmacists who possess outstanding records of civic leadership in their communities and encourages pharmacists to take active roles in the affairs of their respective communities. The award is presented annually by participating state pharmacist associations, including those in the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. In addition to service through their local, state and national pharmacy associations, award recipients have devoted their time, talent and resources to a wide variety of causes and community service.

The Bowl of Hygeia is the most widely recognized international symbol for the pharmacy profession and is considered one of the profession's most prestigious awards. The Bowl of Hygeia has been associated with the pharmacy profession since as early as 1796 when the symbol was used on a coin minted for the Parisian Society of Pharmacy. The bowl

represents a medicinal potion and the snake represents healing. Healing through medicine is precisely why the pharmacy profession has adopted the Bowl of Hygeia symbol.

#### **About the American Pharmacists Association Foundation**

The APhA Foundation, a nonprofit organization based in Washington, D.C., is a trusted source of research demonstrating how pharmacists can improve health care. The APhA Foundation's mission is to improve people's health through pharmacists' patient care services. The APhA Foundation is affiliated with the American Pharmacists Association, the national professional society of pharmacists in the U.S. For more information, please visit the APhA Foundation website [www.aphafoundation.org](http://www.aphafoundation.org). Follow the APhA Foundation on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) for the latest updates.

#### **About the National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations**

The National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations (NASPA) promotes leadership, sharing, learning, and policy exchange among pharmacy leaders in all 50 states and Washington, DC, and provides education and advocacy to support pharmacists, patients, and communities working together to improve public health. NASPA was founded in 1927 as the National Council of State Pharmacy Association Executives (NCSPAEE). For more information, please visit the NASPA Web site [www.naspa.us](http://www.naspa.us).